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MEMORANDUM FOR Residents of Government Controlled and Leased Quarters

SUBJECT: Pet Policy

1. References:

- a. Army Regulation 210-50, Housing Management, 26 February 1999.
- b. USAREUR Supplement 1 to AR 210-50, Housing Management, 16 May 2002.
- c. 233d Base Support Battalion Policy, Three Strikes You're Out, 6 January 2003.

2. Purpose: To establish policies and procedures specifically related to pet owners that reside in Army Family Housing.

3. Applicability: To all residents residing in government owned and leased quarters within the footprint of the 233d Base Support Battalion area of responsibility. Residents of Army Family Housing are responsible for maintaining and controlling their pets. The privilege to maintain an animal is granted to residents based on the owner's ability to carry out their responsibilities. This privilege may be withdrawn if the pet displays a threat to the health or safety of personnel, becomes a nuisance or the pet owner fails in the responsibilities in the care of the pet.

4. Policy and Procedures:

a. No more than two dogs or cats or combination thereof are authorized per dwelling unit. Other domestic pets including goldfish, hamsters, and birds may be kept in Army Family Housing. Exotic pets such as snakes are prohibited.

b. Owners are required to register their pet with the Veterinary Clinic within 2 weeks after acquiring the pet or the arrival of the pet to USAREUR. The owner must present evidence of the pet's current vaccinations at the time of registration and update the vaccinations when required. A vaccinated animal will receive a rabies tag that will be worn by the pet at all times.

c. Sponsors and their spouses will ensure that pets are controlled so that they do not become a public nuisance or menace to the community. Animals that habitually bark, bite, scratch, attack or otherwise threaten people without provocation are a community health menace and will not be allowed in Government housing or facilities. A severe incident, i.e., the pet that has attacked an

individual is cause for removal of the offending animal regardless of the number of prior incidents.

d. Pet owners residing in Army Family Housing are subject to Host Nation (HN) laws governing the treatment of pets. HN law and USAREUR policy prohibits the inhumane or abusive treatment of animals. Inhumane or abusive treatment is defined as any act or omission whereby the animal's physical or psychological well being is compromised. Punishment for violation of HN law may be in form of fines or actual removal of the pet from the owner's possession. In cases where owners are negligent in pet care immediate action will be taken to have the pet removed from the area, when appropriate.

e. Breeding pets and the construction and maintenance of kennel-type operations are prohibited in Government controlled quarters.

f. When outside the owner's quarters, animals will be kept on a leash at all times and will be accompanied by an individual capable of controlling the pet. Young children under the age of 12 without adult supervision will be considered incapable of controlling the pet. Children 12 years or older must be capable of restraining the pet if necessary.

g. Dogs and cats will not be allowed to relieve themselves on balconies, playgrounds, or within resident's common area such as grill areas. Pet owners will clean up all excrement left by their pets and must be properly disposed into the appropriate refuse container. Pet owners that use the dog walking areas are responsible for maintaining and cleaning these areas. The Directorate of Public Works is not responsible for cleaning these areas.

h. Pets will not be:

(1) Tied to stair railings, pipes, trees, posts or fences.

(2) Kept in fenced playgrounds where children congregate.

(3) Allowed on balconies unattended.

(4) Housed or locked in storerooms, attics, kenneled on balconies, or in basements in Government controlled quarters.

(5) Allowed in laundry rooms.

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i. A sanitation inspection (health and welfare) may be conducted on any apartment alleged by written complaint to be substandard in cleanliness, odorous, or where the pet has apparently been abandoned. Entry into the quarters will be in the presence of the sponsor or an adult family member unless immediate entry is required to prevent damage or destruction of Government property.

j. Owners who abandon their pets or violate this policy are subject to action under the 3 Strikes You're Out Policy and will be charged for all costs incurred by the Government in relation to the transfer, care, custody, and final disposition of the animal. During extended absence, i.e., TDY, deployments, leave, pet owners must make arrangements for the care of their pets. Pets will not be left unattended in vacant quarters for an extended period of time.

k. Pet owners will comply with HN law and individual state laws regarding "fighting dogs."

5. Failure to comply with this policy and the Family Housing Resident Handbook will result in notification to your command, the BSB Commander, Area and Building Coordinators of the first Strike. A second infraction of the same nature, a letter of warning will be sent through the offender's chain of command requesting counseling be conducted with the service member or family member informing of the impending Notification to Terminate Quarters upon a reported third offense.

6. Proponent: Point of contact for this memorandum is Mr. Bill Sharp, Housing Management Specialist, DSN 348-7693 or email sharpw@bsbhsg.darmstadt.army.mil


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